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ESTONIAN PLANT USES SHALE INSTEAD OF COKE; SHALE MINES FULFILL PLANS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

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On the initiative of the foundry workers in the Tallin Machine-Building Plant, ordinary shale, so abundant in Estonia, is being used in place of coke and has been found to be an excellent fuel for cupola furnaces. At present the most favorable method of operating cupola furnaces on a coke-shale lixture is being developed. During the fourth quarter of 1950 the plant's coke requirements were reduced 40 percent.(1)

The Kikruse and Kyava-2 shale mines have completed the Five-Year Plan ahead of schedule (2) Workers of the Vivikond Mine completed the year plan by 24 October. A few months ago this mine was confronted with the task of starting to extract shale by the open-pit method. At that time the mine equipment was inadequate for this method of mining. The one OM-200 excavator was unable to remove all the overburden. A new, self-propelled, reversing conveyer had to be prepared and roads had to be laid on which to run the empty cars. Now a new pit is to be put into operation and new, heavy walking draglines are to be utilized.(3)

SOURCES

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